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RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF MILLOM.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH AND
SANITARY INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1943.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

S T A F F.

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J. Hankey,	M.R.San.I.,M.S.I.A.,M.R.I.P.H.H.,A.M.I.S.E., Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor.
Miss. M. Constable,	Medical Officer's Clerk for both Rural District Council and County work.
J.H. Dawson,	Clerk to Sanitary Inspector. Joined His Majesty's Forces March, 1940.
C. Newton,	Clerk to Sanitary Inspector. Joined His Majesty's Forces April, 1943.
Miss. D. Burn,	Clerk to Sanitary Inspector. Appointed 10th May, 1943.

Council Offices,
Millom.

August, 1944.

To the Chairman & Members of the
Rural District Council of Millom.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I beg to present my ninth Annual Report.

The statistics for the year 1943, although not quite as good as those for the previous year are still satisfactory. The Death Rate is rather higher than for the previous year and the Birth Rate is slightly lower. The Infantile Mortality Rate also shows an increase.

For the first time on record there were no cases of Diphtheria. Measles was present in epidemic form but was of a comparatively mild type.

May I express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their help during the year, and also to the staff for their loyal services.

I am, Ladies & Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

I.S. JONES,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

General Statistics.

Area of District in acres	...	90,911
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1943) according to Rate Books	...	3,573
Rateable Value ...	...	£61,599
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	...	£242

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE DISTRICT.

		Total.	Males.	Females.
LIVE BIRTHS -	Legitimate	200	103	97
	Illegitimate	14	5	9

Birth Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population: 15.6

STILLBIRTHS -	Legitimate	3	1	2
	Illegitimate	-	-	-

Rate per 1,000 total Live and Stillbirths: 13.8

DEATHS -	180	99	81

Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population: 13.17

Deaths from Puerperal Causes ... Nil

Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age:-

All Infants per 1,000 live births ... 51.4

Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ... ... 50.

Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births ... 71.4

Eleven Infants under one year of age died during 1943.

The following were the causes of death:-

Tubercular Meningitis ..	1
Gastro-Enteritis ..	2
Congenital Debility ..	1
Bronchitis ..	2
Convulsions ..	2
Prematurity ..	2
Hydrocephalus and Spina-Bifida ..	1

Table showing the Vital Statistics for England and Wales as as whole and certain Groups in the County of Cumberland.

	Birth Rate.	Crude Death Rate.	Infantile Mortality Rate.
England and Wales ...	16.5	12.1	49.
Administrative County of Cumberland ...	17.4	12.3	48.
Urban Districts of Cumberland (including Boroughs of Workington and Whitehaven)	17.6	12.4	48.
Rural Districts of Cumberland	17.2	12.3	48.
RURAL DISTRICT OF MILLOM	15.6	13.17	51.4

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER. Mr. Wonnacott has kindly given me the following notes on the Water Undertakings.

Millom & Baystone Bank Reservoir. The rainfall recorded for the year was 71.17", the average rainfall given by the Meteorological Office is 56.00". It is noted that 59.5% of the total of this exceedingly heavy rainfall fell between July and December, during which period there are at least three summermonths.

The average water consumption during the year was as follows:-

Trade	298,200 gallons per day		This is an increase of 53,000 gallons per day over 1943.
Domestic	370,100	" " "	
Total	668,300	" " "	

220 yards of 4" main were relaid in Haverigg.

The work of construction on the Langthwaite Filter Station, and Whicham Pump House for the Millom Town Supply was commenced in 1943, and it is hoped these works will be completed during 1944.

Bootle. The construction of the Fellside Filter Station and Reservoir was completed in 1943. These works, however do not work satisfactorily and improvements hope to be carried out in the near future.

The Green and Whicham. These supplies have been fairly satisfactory during 1943.

Seascale. Very few complaints of shortage of water have been received from this supply.

Post War Schemes for Water Supply have been prepared and forwarded to the Ministry.

No samples were taken from the Council's supply during the year but the following were taken in 1944.

County Analyst's Office,
Darlington.

21st February, 1944.

I hereby certify that I have examined bacteriologically the undermentioned sample of Water, which I received from W.J. Wonnacott Esq., Water Engineer, Millom R.D.C. on the 18th day of February, 1944, and that I find as follows:-

Sampel marked:- Lanthwaite Cottage, Whicham, Millom Town Supply 11.40 a.m. 15/2/44.

Number of colonies on Nutrient Agar @ 37°C after 72 hours	18 per ml
Number of colonies on Nutrient Agar @ 20/22°C after 72 hours	22 per ml
Presumptive B. Coli test @ 37°C after 72 hours	Negative in 100 ml
Clostridium Welchii test @ 44°C in 40 ml after 48 hours	Negative

The sample is free from any indication of pollution by sewage or other foul drainage, and is of good and wholesome quality for human consumption.

Signed:- CYRIL J.H. STOCK.

County Analyst's Office,
Darlington.

21st February, 1944.

I hereby certify that I have examined bacteriologically the undermentioned sample of Water, which I received from W.J. Wonnacott, Esq., Water Engineer, Waterworks Dept., Millom R.D.C., on the 18th day of February, 1944, and that I find as follows:-

Sample marked:- "Meadow Grove, Silecroft. 11.20 a.m. 15/2/44."

Number of colonies in Nutrient Agar @ 37°C after 72 hours	5 per ml.

Number of colonies on Nutrient Agar @ 20/22°C. after 72 hours	8 per ml.
Presumptive B. Coli Test @ 37°C after 72 hours	Negative in 100 ml.
Clostridium Welchii test @ 44°C in 40 ml after 48 hours	Negative.

The sample is of a high degree of organic purity, and it is of good and wholesome quality for human consumption.

Signed:- CYRIL J.H. STOCK.

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE. During the year no new works were carried out in any part of the district. Essential repair work was carried out in the Millom area.

At the present time schemes for effectively sewering the whole area are before the Ministry.

It is hoped the Council will take advantage of the new Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Bill which has recently been passed by Parliament.

Embankment Sewer. It has not been possible to make any progress to eliminate the nuisance caused by the discharge of sewerage on the Embankment. I still recommend that this work be carried out even if the whole job is not completed in one operation. A little could be done each year if it is considered too expensive to carry out the whole work at once.

Tannery Sewer. This sewer is working very satisfactorily, but unfortunately negotiations have not been completed to enable the Council to connect the Steel Green Houses into this sewer as was the original intention.

The new schemes for Seascale and Ravenglass are already approved by the Ministry and the Council are just awaiting permission to start them as soon as the War situation allows.

Holmrook, Drigg and Eskdale are still without any proper means of sewerage.

SCHOOLS. All schools in the area were again inspected during the year. Eskdale High School is still without a water

supply and proper sanitation. Eskdale Low School still has earth closets.

Extensive repairs were carried out to Lapstone Road Boys' School by the County Education Authority. The main walls were buttressed to prevent collapse.

The nutrition of the school children remained good during the year. Over 70% of the children take advantage of the Milk in Schools Scheme. School meals were commenced for the Millom children in 1943 and these meals were provided by the British Restaurant. The school canteen at Waberthwaite provides dinners for the children attending the school. I would like to see the school meals scheme extended to other schools in the area. At Thwaites School more than 80% of the children stay for their mid-day meal which consists of sandwiches they bring from home. I am sure a canteen at this school would be well patronised and the children would benefit enormously.

There were 298 evacuee children still in the area at the end of the year.

There were no school closures during the year.

HOUSING. The 54 houses at Bootle for War Workers were completed during the year. The 84 houses at Grammarscroft, Millom, are nearing completion at the time of writing this report.

At the moment the Council is considering plans for Post War Housing. A provisional site has been chosen for 50 new houses at Haverigg, which the Council hopes to build in the first year of their Post War programme.

Necessary Repairs. Mr. Hankey has reported on this subject and I endorse his remarks on the advisability of the Council having their own Repairs Department.

Closing Orders. During routine inspections it was found that three cottages which had become vacant were in such a dilapidated and dangerous condition that the owners were requested not to allow these cottages to be re-occupied. Closing Orders were afterwards recommended in each instance.

MEAT INSPECTION. I have nothing new to report on this matter. The inspection of meat is carried out in a satisfactory

manner. The present Slaughterhouse although inadequate and far below modern standards was kept in a reasonably clean condition throughout the year.

MILK & DAIRIES ORDERS. Under the new Legislation the responsibility for farm buildings and the production of milk on farm premises will shortly come under the supervision of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and this Authority will only have to supervise the cleanliness of milk after it has left the producers premises. Whether this is a step in the right direction remains to be seen.

The following are the results of milk samples taken.

	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Tuberculin Tested	6	1
Accredited	43	27
Ungraded	44	43

Two of the samples submitted for animal inoculation proved positive for Tubercle Bacilli. Immediate action was taken in conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Veterinary Department, to eliminate the cattle responsible from the herds.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1943.

Disease.	Total Cases Notified.	Cases Admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Smallpox ...	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever ...	25	-	-
Diphtheria ...	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Pneumonia ...	25	-	4
Erysipelas ...	6	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	1	-	-
Measles ...	220	-	-
Whooping Cough ...	40	-	-
Infantile Paralysis	1	-	-

Diphtheria Immunisation. The increase in the percentage of school children immunised is satisfactory. It is difficult to increase the percentage of infants under five, owing to the apathy of parents. The following figures show the position at the end of 1943 as compared with 1942.

	Children 5-15.	Children under 5.
Immunised 1943	88.7%	36.8%
" 1942	79.9%	36.%

TUBERCULOSIS. The particulars of cases notified and deaths for the year are as follows:-

	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 - 1 ...	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
1 - 5 ...	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
5 - 15 ...	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 25	1	4	-	1	-	1	-	-
25 - 35 ...	3	1	-	2	2	1	-	-
35 - 45 ...	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
45 - 55 ...	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
55 - 65 ...	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
65 and upwards	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS ...	10	8	3	3	3	4	2	1

Of the 24 new cases notified 7 were not normal residents in this area.

The number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register at the end of the year were:-

	Males.	Females.	Total.
Pulmonary ...	21	15	36
Non-Pulmonary	5	7	12

CAUSES OF DEATH FOR 1943.

	M.	F.	TOTAL.
All Causes.	99	81	180
1. Typhoid & paratyphoid fevers ...	-	-	-
2. Cerebro-spinal fever	-	-	-
3. Scarlet Fever	-	-	-
4. Whooping Cough	-	-	-
5. Diphtheria	-	-	-
6. Tuberculosis of the respiratory system	3	4	7
7. Other forms of Tuberculosis ...	2	1	3
8. Syphilitic diseas es	-	-	-
9. Influenza	7	3	10
10. Measles	-	-	-
11. Ac. polio-myelitis & polio-encephalitis	-	-	-
12. Ac. Inf. encephalitis	-	-	-
13. Cancer of b.cav: and oesoph(M)	2	-	2
uterus(F)	-	2	2
14. Cancer of stomach and duodenum ...	4	4	8
15. Cancer of breast	-	2	2
16. Cancer of all other sites ...	5	4	9
17. Diabetes	-	1	1
18. Intra-cranial vascular lesions ...	11	15	26
19. Heart disease	19	15	34
20. Other disease of the circulatory system	4	1	5
21. Bronchitis	6	2	8
22. Pneumonia	2	2	4
23. Other respiratory disease ...	1	1	2
24. Ulcer of stomach or duodenum ...	-	-	-
25. Diarrhoea under 2 years	1	1	2
26. Appendicitis	3	-	3
27. Other digestive diseases	3	1	4
28. Nephritis	3	1	4
29. Puerperal and post-abort. sepsis ...	-	-	-
30. Other maternal causes	-	-	-
31. Premature birth	2	-	2
32. Con:mal; Birth inj; infant; dis; ...	3	2	5
33. Suicide	4	-	4
34. Road traffic accidents	-	-	-
35. Other violent causes	2	-	2
36. All other causes	12	19	31

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1943.

To Dr. I.S. Jones,
Medical Officer of Health.

Sir,

I have pleasure in submitting to you my eighth Annual Report, giving details of the work carried out in this Department for the year ending 31st December, 1943.

Good progress was made throughout the year in the way of improvements in housing conditions, although, the Department has been chiefly concerned with matters of an essential and urgent nature. Many requests were received by this Department from owners for assistance to enable them to get repairs carried out to their properties, and a report on this matter was given to the Health Committee with a recommendation that this assistance be given, providing the owners gave a written undertaking that all expenses incurred would be their responsibility. The result of these undertakings being given was the means of having many works put in hand which would otherwise have been allowed to deteriorate further.

As in previous reports I would like to remind the Council to give favourable consideration to the establishment of a Repairs Department as soon as the opportunity occurs.

The erection of four cottages for Agricultural Workers was commenced in August, there being two at Millom Castle, Millom and two at Carleton, Holmrook. The two at Millom have been completed and are occupied, the others are nearing completion. This type, quality and standard of house is well worth considering in the Council's Post War Housing Schemes.

Advantage was taken of the Scheme which was put into operation by the Ministry of Health under Circular 2828A on the Repair and Maintenance of Buildings.

HOUSING. 205 Informal Notices and 2 Formal Notices have been served under the Housing Act 1936. 79 Outstanding Notices, consisting of 75 Informal and 4 Formal were complied with. There were 3 cases of Overcrowding and none were abated. Shortage of housing accommodation is very acute in this area.

GENERAL INSPECTIONS.

Inspections under the Housing Acts ...	141
Inspections under the Public Health Acts	231
Complaints investigated	44
Revisits to premises under Notice ...	5
Visits to Factories	7
Visits to Bakehouses	9
Inspections under the Shops Acts ...	6
Inspections under the Petroleum Acts...	33
Visits after Infectious Diseases cases	25
Interviews with owners of premises ...	111
Visits to Fried Fish Shops	7
Visits to Butchers Shops	60
Rats and Mice Acts	6
Visits to Slaughterhouses	241
Inspections of Cowsheds & Dairies etc.	98
Inspections under Food & Drugs Act ...	297
Houses disinfected	30
Houses disinfested	10
Total	1361

Informal Notices served	... ...	205
Statutory Notices served	P.H.A. ...	-
	H.A. ...	2
	M. & D.O. ...	2
	Total	209

IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED.

Dwelling Houses:-

Repaired or made fit	-
Roofs repaired	17
Walls and ceilings repaired	148
Floors repaired	32
Windows repaired, renewed or made to open	37
Sash cords to windows renewed ...	118
Food Stores provided or repaired ...	9
Stairs repaired	15
Skirting boards repaired or renewed ...	42
Woodwork of doors repaired or renewed	28
Firegrates repaired or renewed ...	28
Chimney stacks repaired	11
New sinks provided and fixed ...	20

Sink wastes repaired or renewed ...	24
Water Supplies renewed	14
Wash Coppers provided or repaired ...	7
Ventilation provided to Bedrooms ...	6
External walls cemented and painted	22
Ovens repaired or renewed ...	12
Dangerous walls repaired ...	13
Yards and Passages paved and drained	1
Yard paving repaired	8
H andrails to stairs provided ...	4
Copper Firesets repaired or renewed	6
Baths provided	7
Eaves gutters and rain-water pipes renewed	16

Drains, Water Closets and Refuse Accommodation:-

Obstructed drains cleansed ...	9
Obstructed W.Cs., cleansed ...	6
Yard gullies provided and connected to drains	32
Drains repaired and reconstructed	40
Inspection chamber covers renewed ...	18
Septic tanks provided	4
W.C. basins renewed	38
W.C. cisterns repaired or renewed ...	21
Closet structures repaired or renewed	15
Ashpits abolished	2
Drains tested	87
Rats and Mice	2
Sample of Water	1
Dustbins provided	105

1. Inspections of Dwelling-houses during the year:-

(1) (a) Total number of Dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (Under Public Health or Housing Acts).	376
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	716
(2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations, 1925 and 1932.	145
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	145

3. Number of Dwelling-Houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... 4
4. Number of Dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... 47

2. Remedy of Defects during the year without Service of Formal Notice:

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal actions by the Local Authority or their Officers ... 75

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year:

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936: ... ...
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs 5
(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:
(a) By owners 4
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ... ... Nil

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts:
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied 231

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices
(a) By owners 157
(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners ... ... Nil

(c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... Nil
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... Nil

(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936:

(1)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	Nil
(2)	Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ...	Nil

4. Housing Act, 1936. Part IV. Overcrowding.

(a)	(1)	Number of dwelling-houses overcrowded at the end of the year ...	14
	(2)	Number of families dwelling therein	16
	(3)	Number of persons dwelling therein...	115
(b)		Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ...	3
(c)	(1)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	Nil
	(2)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	Nil
(d)		Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ...	Nil
(e)		Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report	Nil

HOUSING (RURAL WORKERS ACT), 1926. Work under this Act has again come into operation but no applications were received to take advantage of same.

PLANS APPROVED. During the year the Council approved the following plans:-

(a)	Alterations for Canteen	1
(b)	New Sport's Pavilion	1
(c)	Conversion of school into dwelling-house	1
(d)	Store Sheds	7
(e)	Alterations to Cottages	2
(f)	Outbuildings	2

INFECTIOUS DISEASES. During the year the following cases of

Infectious Diseases were notified and dealt with by this Department.

Scarlet Fever 25

Rooms were fumigated, also bedding and clothing. Where patients are not removed to hospital but are isolated at home, fumigation is carried out after recovery of the patient.

Each case is visited after notification and disinfectant supplied. Any sanitary defects found to exist at the premises are remedied without delay. Any library books found at the infected premises are removed and disinfected or otherwise destroyed.

At the request of owners, five houses were fumigated after illness or death, and in several instances bedding, mattresses etc., were also destroyed. Fumigation of clothing etc., and premises at camps and hostels in the area was also carried out at frequent intervals. This was done after requests had been received from the Authorities concerned for assistance in this matter.

VERMINOUS PREMISES. Disinfestation of 10 dwelling-houses had to be carried out. After this had been done by spraying and using Zaldicide the occupiers of the infested premises were supplied with disinfectant for cleaning down purposes. Drastic action had to be taken against several occupiers of dwelling-houses where conditions were appalling, and as no improvements were effected after repeated warnings, the Council were recommended to take action under the Public Health Act. Court proceedings had to be taken in one instance and this seemed to have the desired effect on the other occupiers.

SHOPS ACT, 1934. During the year 6 inspections were made at the various shops throughout the area and everything was found to be satisfactory and in accordance with the Regulations.

BAKEHOUSES. There are still 14 bakehouses in the area, 3 of which are domestic. All were regularly inspected. Lime-washing was carried out at least twice at each bakehouse in accordance with the Regulations. The provision of a Record Book and Abstract of the Factory Act was requested in one instance and was immediately complied with. 3 Notices have been served in respect of limewashing of premises.

SMOKE ABATEMENT. No action was taken during the year.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION. 24 short hopper type closets were converted to pedestal water closets. The drains were also reconstructed in 17 instances.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

Millom & Seascale. Expenditure in maintaining the satisfactory condition of Conveniences in Millom and Haverigg was again excessive, owing to the damage which was caused. The Gentlemens Convenience at Haverigg had to be closed for several months. The Conveniences in the Seascale area were kept in good order.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES. There are no Common Lodging Houses in the area.

FACTORIES & WORKSHOPS. 7 inspections were made under the Factory Act, 1937.

PUBLIC CLEANSING. Arrangements are the same as set out in previous reports. It is hoped to commence the collection of refuse from the Parish of Drigg in the coming year. A regular collection throughout the area has been maintained and very few complaints were received regarding inattention to same.

In the near future it will be necessary to get into negotiation for a site for a new Tip in the Millom area. The present site is practically completed.

The following particulars are details of the work carried out.

Millom	Bins emptied	103,697
	Pits "	220
Millom Without	Bins emptied	2,264
	Pits "	1,083
Whicham	Bins emptied	3,732
Bootle	" "	3,743
Muncaster	" "	3,095
	Loads removed	6
Drigg.	Bins emptied	3,628
Seascale.	" "	8,692

Salvage. The following are particulars of materials collected and disposed of during the year.

		Tons.	cwts.	qrs.	sts.	lbs.
Waste Paper	...	76	5	3	-	-
Black Scrap	...	26	11	1	-	-
Baled Tins	...	53	19	1	-	-
Aluminium	...	-	3	-	1	-
Rags	...	2	13	2	1	7
Bones	...	2	9	2	-	-
Brass	...	-	4	3	-	-
Lead	...	-	2	-	-	-
Sacking	...	1	6	-	1	-
Copper	...	-	-	-	1	-
Rubber	...	5	2	-	-	-

MILK & DAIRIES ORDERS. During the year 98 inspections were made under the Milk & Dairies Orders. During the course of these inspections it was found necessary to issue Notices in 14 instances. Notices were complied with as follows:-

To cleanse down Premises	11
Provision of Cooling Houses	5
Renewal of Defective Water Services	6
Repairs and reconstruction of byres	16
New byre	1

The number of Registrations include:-

Producers of Milk	260
Wholesale Purveyors of Milk	113
Retail Purveyors of Milk	25
Wholesale and retail Purveyors of Milk	95

Samples were taken at intervals of the milk supplied to the various schools.

MEAT & OTHER FOODS. The arrangements for the slaughtering of animals are the same as set out in previous reports. Small improvements were carried out but the premises still fall short of the standard required. Accommodation for the slaughtering of animals and the inspection of carcases after slaughter is very inadequate.

The inspection and examination of all animals slaughtered is carried out in accordance with Memo 62 Foods.

The following are the particulars of animals slaughtered during the year.

Particulars.	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows.	Sheep & Lambs.	Pigs.	Calves.
Number killed (if known).	462	305	745	871	49
Number inspected.	462	305	745	871	49
All diseases except Tuberculosis.					
Whole carcases condemned.	4	6	21	-	6
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	96	106	248	1	4
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis.	21.7	35.1	35.4	.01	20.5
Tuberculosis only.					
Whole carcases condemned.	10	8	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	76	117	-	5	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	18.6	41.	-	.5	-

Remarks on Meat Condemned.

(a) Diseases Other Than Tuberculosis.

(1) Whole Carcases.

10 Bovine Carcases
6 Calf Carcases
21 Sheep Carcases.

Diseases other than Tuberculosis (contd).

(2) Portions or organs of Carcases.

9	Bovine	Heads
7	"	Lungs
170	"	Livers
2	"	Foreleg
4	"	Gut & Tripe
2	"	Skirts
1	"	Flank
2	"	Melts
2	"	Udders
3	"	Hind quarters
1	Calf	Head
1	"	Lung
1	"	Liver
1	"	Pluck
2	Sheep	Heads
2	"	Lungs
244	"	Livers
1	Pig	Liver

(b) Tuberculosis Only.

(1) Whole carcases.

18 Bovine carcases

(2) Portions or organs of Carcases.

38	Bovine	Heads
65	"	Lungs
38	"	Livers
11	"	Heads & Tongues
6	"	Gut & Tripe
5	"	Skirts
1	"	Stomach
8	"	Melts
6	"	Udders
1	"	Hind quarter
6	"	Offals
3	"	Messentries
1	"	Gut
1	"	Fat
3	"	Tripe
5	Pig	Heads

Total weight of Meat destroyed 18,515 lbs.

EMERGENCY SLAUGHTERING. 428 inspections of Pigs slaughtered for human consumption were made in the rural area.

FOOD & DRUGS, ACT.

Inspection & Supervision of Food. 286 inspections were made under this Act. During these inspections the following foodstuffs were found to be unfit for human consumption and were accordingly removed and destroyed. Wherever possible condemned foodstuffs are allocated for animal feeding stuffs.

8	Tins Pork Sausage Meat
27	" Pork Luncheon Meat
6	" Chopped ham
1	Tin Stewed Steak
4	Tins Steak & Vegetable
1	Tin Hot Pot
63	Tins Corned Beef
1	Tin Prem
1	" Beef loaf
10	lbs. Spam
12	lbs. Ox Tongue
375	lbs. Sausage
19	lbs. Rabbit
5cwts18¼	lbs. Bacon
5	Tins Salmon
14	" Pilchards
3	sts. Whiting
2	Tins Fish Balls
2½	boxes Fish Cakes
1	Tin Fish Roll
3	Tins Sardines
2	" Herrings
1	" Crayfish
48	sts. Fish Fillets
31	" Headless Iceland Codfish
4½	" Witches (Fish)
25	" Cod Fillets
163	lbs. Cheese
5½	" Butter
12	" Margarine
5-4	lb. Loaves bread
26½	" Tea
26½	" Cocoa
120	" Sugar
6	lbs. Self Raising Flour
22	pkts. Beacon Flour

7 lbs. Baking Powder
16 Tins Peas
28 " Beans
7 " Carrots
1 " Beetroot
2 " Apples
1 " Gooseberries
54 " Plums
5 " Pineapple Cubes
1 " Grapefruit
63½ lbs Prunes
14 " Sultanas
4 " Rice
4 bags Rice
25 lbs Oatmeal
1cwt.3qrs.16 lbs. Oats
5 pkts. Quaker Wheat
23 Tins Condensed Milk
4 " Evaporated Milk
1 " Sweetened Milk
48 " Skimmed Milk
144 " Dried Milk
2 Bottles Sauce
2 Jars Jam
21 lbs Sweets
3 doz. Chocolate Bars
4 " Cream Bars.

SEWERAGE & SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Millom. The following works were carried out on the main sewers during the year.

Blockages frequently occurred on the main sewer on Moor Road. Temporary arrangements were made to keep the sewer in operation but, it will be necessary to open out this sewer to renew several pipes which, in my opinion, may have been crushed by subsidence. The brickwork of the manhole of this sewer was also found to be in a bad condition and arrangements are being made to attend to these matters.

The Council should not lose sight of the fact that many of the main sewers in the Millom and Haverigg areas should receive attention immediately the opportunity presents itself.

Whicham. Provision of a septic tank and conversion from

earth closet to the water carriage system, including reconstruction of all drains was carried out in one instance.

Bootle. Periodical inspections were made at the Sewerage Disposal Works during the year and they were operating satisfactorily.

I have had occasion to report to the Council that the outfall from the Sewerage Works is continually under water and this is due to the ditches on adjoining land not owned by the Council being blocked. Such a condition has made it impossible for an inspection to be made of the effluent which was being discharged from the Works. This matter was referred to the War Agricultural Drainage Officer and attention is being given to same.

One connection to the Council's sewer was made and this also included conversion from earth closets to the water carriage system.

Seascale. The 6" outfall sewer on the Foreshore was damaged on several occasions by high tides and it was necessary to carry out temporary repairs to the same. When the scheme for the complete sewering of the Seascale area comes into operation this outfall will be done away with, hence the reason for the temporary repairs to the same.

Blockages frequently occurred on the main sewer on the Gosforth Road and caused flooding of premises. There were no means of releasing these blockages with the exception of opening up the main sewer, there being no manhole at the particular point. This was reported to the Council with a recommendation that approximately 33 yards of 9" sewer be re-laid in addition to the construction of one manhole. This work was eventually put in hand and no further complaints were received.

Muncaster. Provision of a septic tank and conversion from earth closet to the water carriage system, including reconstruction of all drains, was carried out in one instance.

Drigg. Provision of a septic tank and conversion from earth closet to the water carriage system, including reconditioning of all drains was carried out in one instance.

The clearing of a ditch which received sewage from

dwelling-houses on Drigg Road, which are not as yet connected with a main sewer was carried out.

Eskdale. There is no change in this Parish as far as sewerage arrangements are concerned.

SCHOOLS. Periodical visits were made at the various schools throughout the area.

The only schools in the area which are without modern sanitation are Eskdale High and Low Schools, and efforts are still being made to bring these schools up to modern standards.

CAMPING. The number of licences issued under Section 269 of the Public Health Act are as follows:-

Camping Sites	4
Moveable Dwellings	14

Frequent inspections were made and everything was found to be satisfactory and in accordance with the Regulations.

I am,
Your obedient Servant,

J. HANKEY,

Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor.